

# Virginia Retirement System Implementation of New Pension Standards

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## **VRS Implementation Plans**



- Implement GASB 67 effective June 30, 2014
- Develop separate data for each Plan
  - VRS State, Teacher, and each locality
  - SPORS
  - JRS
  - VaLORS
- Use June 30, 2013 actuarial data "rolled forward" to June 30, 2014
  - Project liabilities based on June 30, 2013 actual
  - Use June 30, 2014 actual asset value

#### **VRS Pension Plans**



- Single Employer Plans
  - VRS State employees
  - State Police Officers' Retirement Plan
  - Judicial Retirement Plan
  - Virginia Law Officers' Retirement Plan
- Cost-Sharing Multiple-Employer Plans
  - VRS Teachers
- Agent Multiple-Employer Plans
  - VRS Individual political subdivision plans

# Single & Agent Multiple-Employer Plans



- Determine each plan's Net Pension Liability
- Determine the various components of the change in Net Pension Liability for each plan
- Develop a process for determining "proportionate share" for component units
  - Certain non-state and other agencies in the state employee group as well as institutions higher education
  - Certain local government employers reporting separate entities under the central government (regional library, jail, etc.)

# **Cost-Sharing Multiple-Employer Plans**



- Determine the GASB-required information for the pool
- Determine each school system's "proportionate share" (this will be based on contributions)
- Compute each school division's Net Pension Liability
- Determine the impact of the change in "proportionate share" between periods
- Allocate the various components of the change in Net Pension Liability for each school division

#### **VRS Actions**



- Insure that Actuarial Valuation reports have the necessary plan and valuation information for employer reporting
  - Evaluate required disclosures needed by employers
  - Verify the projected cash flows to insure adequacy of funding
  - Provide detailed information to compute pension expense
- Develop a process for the allocation and reporting of Actuarial Valuation data for multiple-employer cost-sharing pools (teachers)
  - Allocation will be based on contributions

## **VRS Actions (con't.)**



- Develop a process for the allocation and reporting of Actuarial Valuation data for the state employee groups that issue separate financial reports
- Work with the Auditor of Public Accounts to provide a way to make usable information available to external auditors in a timely manner
  - Prepare a separate report on actuarial data, allocations, etc.
  - Update VRS-provided pension disclosure guidance
  - Update information in APA's Uniform Financial Reporting Manual and Local Audit Specifications

## **VRS Actions (con't.)**



- Develop and present employer training to assist employers with their implementation
  - Webinars
  - Presentations to professional organizations
  - Sample statement and note disclosure
- Work with the Auditor of Public Accounts to access other firms auditing VRS pension plans and communicate with them
  - Confirm adequacy and timing of planned reporting
  - Confirm reliance on APA assertions
- Prepare for similar changes for OPEBs





**Questions?** 

Thank you